

# 0x0000

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main:sudo
Davids-iPhone-2.local., (Cache flush) A 169.254.202.124 (596)
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21:59:40.766113 IP6 fe80::cd3f:7dcc:3f2a:d9b6:58124 > ff02::1:3.5355: UDP, length 24
21:59:40.766515 IP 169.254.217.182.51303 > 224.0.0.252.5355: UDP, length 24
21:59:40.769056 IP 169.254.85.161.137 > 169.254.255.255.137: NBT UDP PACKET(137): QUERY; REQUEST; BROADCAST
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21:59:40.772198 ARP, Request who-has 169.254.244.249 tell 0.0.0.0, length 46
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21:59:40.776602 IP 169.254.135.98.5353 > 224.0.0.251.5353: 0* [Oq] 3/0/2 TXT "model=MacBookPro5,4", (Cache flush) PTR Tobias-Selliers-MacBook-Pro.local., (Cache flush) A 169.254.135.98 (218)
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21:59:44.664770 IP6 fe80::f18e:5b34:ecal:1aec > ff02::1:ff95:8ea7: ICMP6, neighbor solicitation, who has fe80::55b3:cb9c:3395:8ea7, length 32
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“We are not as strong as we think we are”

• Rich Mullins

<GHz or bust!

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chipcon 1111  
(and RFCAT)

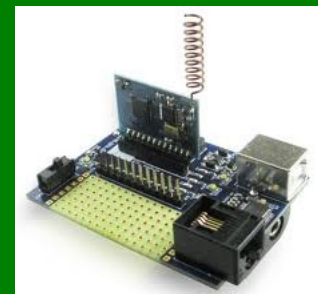
## 0x1000 — intro to <GHz

- FCC Rules(title 47) parts 15 and 18 allocate and govern parts of the RF spectrum for unlicensed ISM in the US (US adaptation of the ITU-R 5.138, 5.150, and 5.280 rules)
  - Industrial – power grid stuff and more!
  - Science – microwave ovens?
  - Medical – insulin pumps and the like
- US ISM bands:
  - 300 : 300
  - 433 : 433.050 – 434.790 MHz
  - 915 : 902.000 – 928.000 MHz
  - cc1111 does 300-348, 372-460, 779-928... but we've seen more.
- Popular European ISM band:
  - 868 : 863.000 – 870.000 MHz
- Other ISM includes 2.4 GHz and 5.8 GHz
  - cc2531.... hmmm... maybe another toy?



# 0x1010 — what is <GHz? what plays th

- Industry, Science, Medical bands, US and EU
- Cell phones
- Cordless Phones
- Personal Two-Way Radios
- Car Remotes
- Pink IM-ME Girl Toys!
- TI Chronos Watches
- Medical Devices (particularly 401-402MHz, 402-405MHz, 405-406MHz)
- Power Meters
- custom-made devices
- Old TV Broadcast
- much, much more...





0x1020 — how do we play with it?



- cc1110/cc1111 do 300-348MHz, 391-464MHz, 782-928MHz
  - and more...
- RFCAT uses the CC111x on some common dongles
  - Chronos dongle (sold with every TI Chronos watch)
  - “Don's Dongles”, aka TI CC1111EMK
  - IMME (currently limited to sniffer/detection firmware)
- but there are some catches
  - rf comms configuration?
  - channel hopping sequence?
  - bluetooth and DSSS? (not hap'nin)



0x1030 — why do i care!?

- the inner rf geek in all of us
- your security research may require that you consider comms with a wireless device
- your organization may **have** 900MHz devices that should be protected!

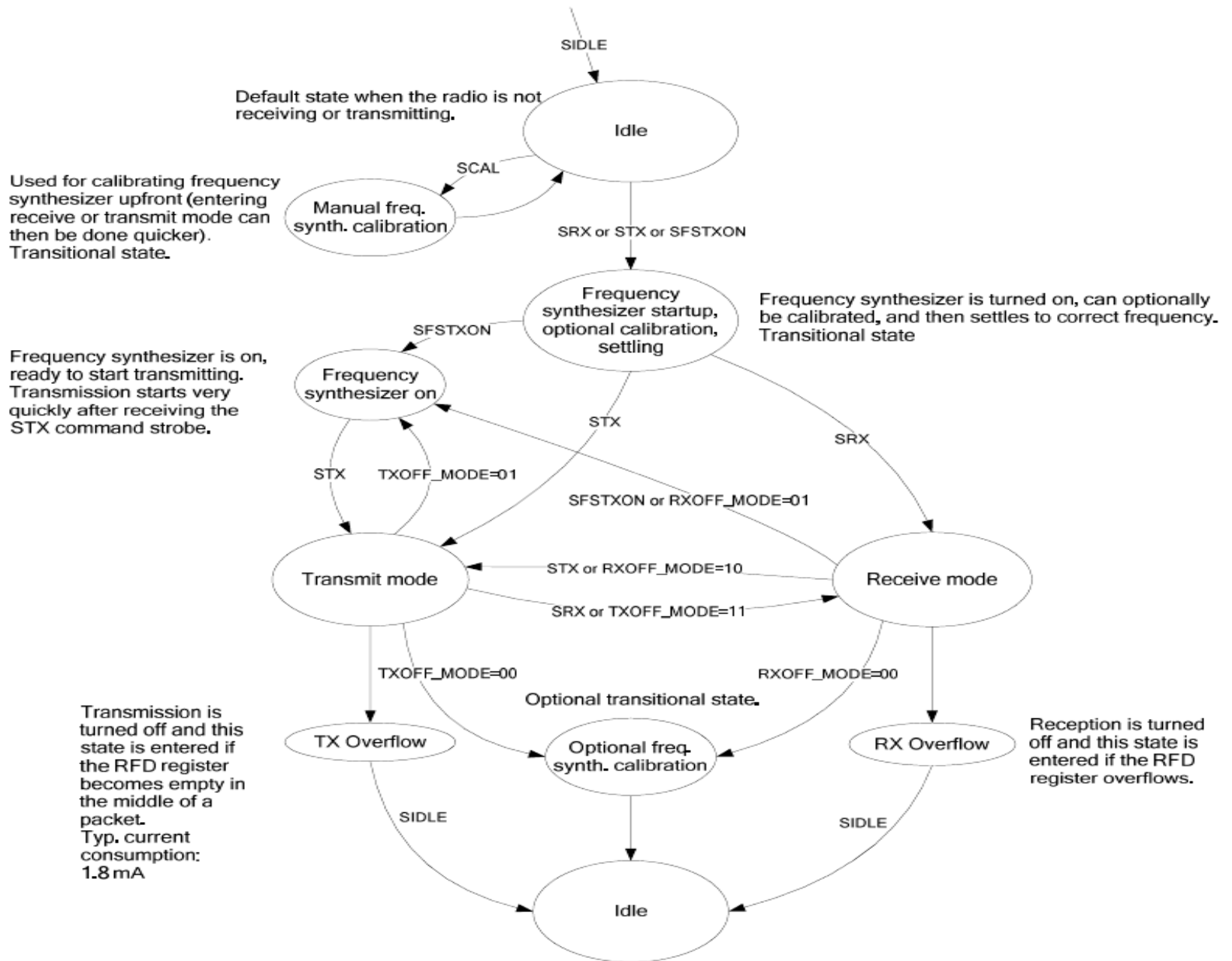


## 0x2000 — cc1111 summary —SPEED READER!

- modified 8051 core
  - 8-bit mcu
  - single-tick instructions
  - 256 bytes of iram
  - 4kb of xram
  - XDATA includes all code, iram, xram
  - execution happens anywhere :)
- Full Speed USB
- **RfCat hides most of these details by default!**

# 0x2010 – cc1111 radio state engine

- IDLE
- CAL
- FSTXON
- RX
- TX





## 0x2020 — cc1111 radio configuration

- configuring the radio is done through updating a set of 1-byte registers in varying bit-size fields
  - MDMCFG4 – MDMCFG0 – modem control
  - PKTCTRL1, PKTCTRL0 – packet control
  - FSCTRL1, FSCTRL0 – frequency synth control
  - FREND1, FREND0 – front end control
  - FREQ2, FREQ1, FREQ0 – base frequency
  - MCSM1, MCSM0 – radio state machine
  - SYNC1, SYNC0 – SYNC word, or the SFD
  - CHANNR, ADDR – channel and address
  - AGCCTRL2, AGCCTRL1, AGCCTRL0 – gain control
- **RfCat hides most of these details by default!**

# 0x2030 - Smart RF Studio (ftw)

CC1111 - Device Control Panel (offline)

File Settings View Evaluation Board Help

Easy Mode Expert Mode Register View RF Parameters

Typical settings

Data rate	Dev.	Mod.	RX BW	Optimized for
1.2 kBaud	5.1 kHz	GFSK	63 kHz	sensitivity
1.2 kBaud	5.1 kHz	GFSK	63 kHz	current consumption
2.4 kBaud	5.1 kHz	GFSK	63 kHz	sensitivity
2.4 kBaud	5.1 kHz	GFSK	63 kHz	current consumption
38.4 kBaud	20 kHz	GFSK	94 kHz	sensitivity
38.4 kBaud	20 kHz	GFSK	94 kHz	current consumption
250 kBaud	129 kHz	GFSK	600 kHz	sensitivity

RF Parameters

Base frequency: 868.299683 MHz Channel number: 0 Channel spacing: 199.951172 kHz Carrier frequency: 868.299683 MHz

Xtal frequency: 48.000000 MHz Data rate: 1.19877 kBaud RX filter BW: 62.500000 kHz Manchester enable: ☐

Modulation format: GFSK Deviation: 5.126953 kHz TX power: 0 dBm PA ramping: ☐

Continuous TX Continuous RX Packet TX Packet RX RF Device Commands

Packet payload size: 30 Add seq. number: ☒

Packet count: 100 Infinite

Random: 47 de b3 12 4d c8 43 bb 8b a6 1f 03 5a 7d 09 38 25 1f 5d d4 cb fc 96 f5 45 3b 13 0d 89 0a

Text Hex

TX RX

Sent packets: 0 Frequency: 868.299683 MHz Output power: 0 dBm

CC1111 - Register View (offline)

Register export

Register	Value (Hex)
IOCFG2	00
IOCFG1	00
IOCFG0	06
SYNC1	D3
SYNC0	91
PKTLEN	FF
PKTCTRL1	04
PKTCTRL0	05
ADDR	00
CHANNR	00
FSCTRL1	06
FSCTRL0	00
FREQ2	24
FREQ1	2D
FREQ0	DD
MDMCFG4	E5
MDMCFG3	A3
MDMCFG2	13
MDMCFG1	23
MDMCFG0	11
DEVIATN	16
MCSM2	07
MCSM1	30
MCSM0	18
FOCFG	17
BSCFG	6C
AGCCTRL2	03
AGCCTRL1	40
AGCCTRL0	91
FREND1	56
FREND0	10
FSCAL3	E9
FSCAL2	2A

- Data Rate, Bandwidth, and Intermediate Frequency and Freq-Deviation depend on each other



## 0x2100 — RfCat for devs

- `cc1111usb.c` provides usb descriptors and framework
  - shouldn't need much tinkering
- `cc1111rf.c` provides the core of the radio firmware
  - shouldn't need much tinkering
- `application.c` provides the template for new apps
  - copy it and make your amazing toy
- `txdata(buffer, length)` to send data IN to host
- `registerCbEP5OUT()` to register a callback function to handle data OUT from host
  - data is in `ep5iobuf[]`
- `transmit(*buf, length)` allows you to send on the RF pipeline
- `appMainLoop()` – modify this for handling RF packets, etc...
- follow the examples, luke!
  - RfCat's “application” source is `appFHSSNIC.c`

0x3000 — radio info we want to know

- frequencies
- modulation (2FSK/GFSK, MSK, ASK/OOK, other)
- intermediate frequency (IF)
- baud rate
- channel width/spacing/hopping?
- bandwidth filter
- sync words / bit-sync
- variable length/fixed length packets
- crc
- data whitening?
- any encoding (manchester, fec, enc, etc...)

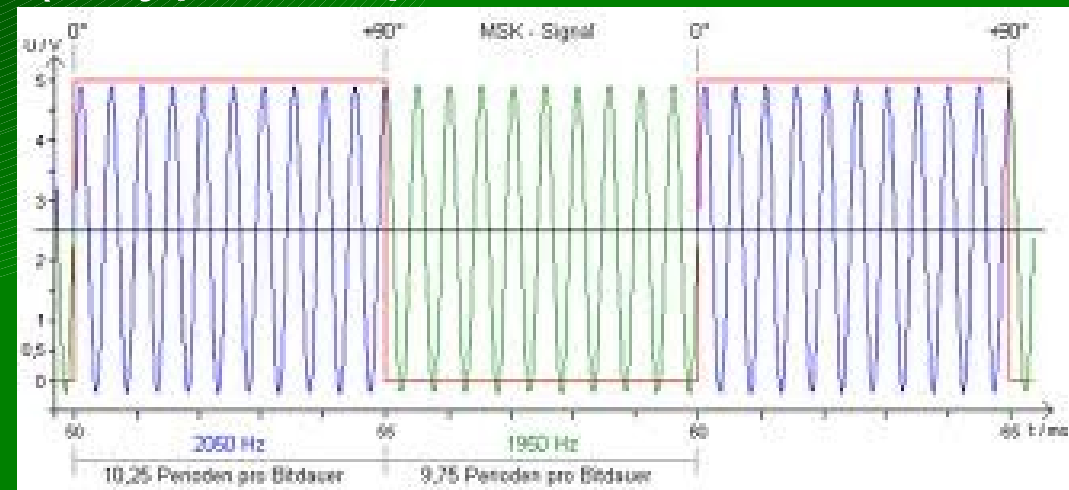
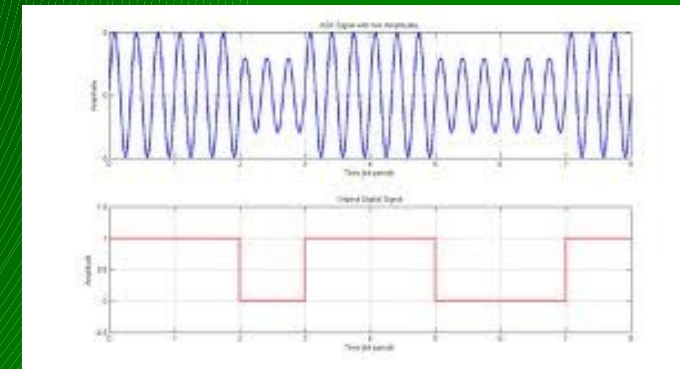
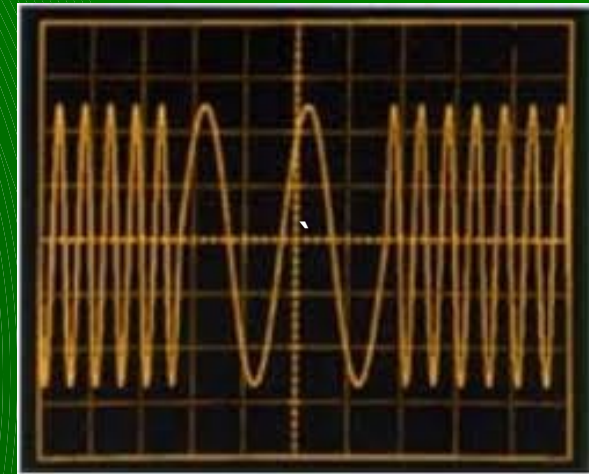


0x3010 — interesting frequencies

- 315MHz — car fobs
- 433MHz — medical devices, garage door openers
- 868MHz — EU loves this range
- 915MHz — NA stuff of all sorts (power meters, insulin pumps, industrial plant equipment, industrial backhaul)
- 2.4GHz — 802.11/wifi, 802.15.4/zigbee/6lowpan, bluetooth
- 5.8GHz — cordless phones
- **FREQ2, FREQ1, FREQ0**

## 0x3020 — modulations

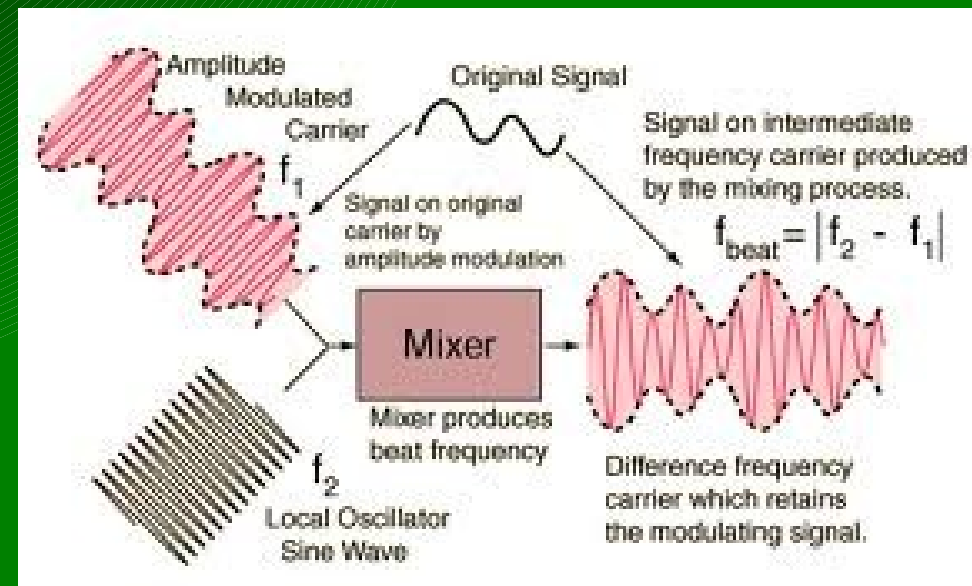
- 2FSK/GFSK — Frequency Shift Key
  - (digital FM)
  - cordless phones (DECT/CT2)
- ASK/OOK — Amplitude Shift Key
  - (digital AM)
  - morse-code, car-remotes, etc...
- MSK — Minimal Shift Key (a type of quadrature shift modulation like QPSK)
  - GSM
- MDMCFG2, DEVIATN





## 0x3030 — intermediate frequency

- mix the RF and LO frequencies to create an IF (heterodyne)
  - improves signal selectivity
  - tune different frequencies to an IF that can be manipulated easily
  - cheaper/simpler components
- cc1111 supports a wide range of 31 different IF options:
  - 23437 hz apart, from 0 – 726.5 khz
- Smart RF Studio recommends:
  - 140 khz up to 38.4 kbaud
  - 187.5 khz at 38.4 kbaud
  - 281 khz at 250 kbaud
  - 351.5khz at 500 kbaud
- FSCTRL1



0x3040 — data rate (baud)

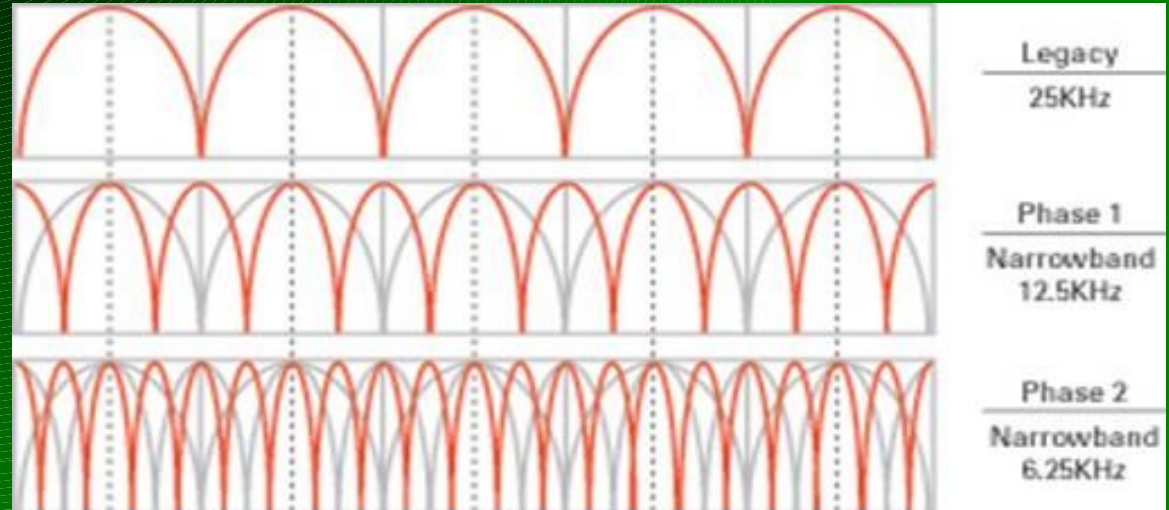
- much like your modems or old
- the frequency of bits
  - some can overlap and get garbage!
    - garbage can be good...
- baud has significant impact on IF, Deviation and Channel BW
- seeing use of 2400, 19200, 38400, 250000
- MDMCFG3 / 4





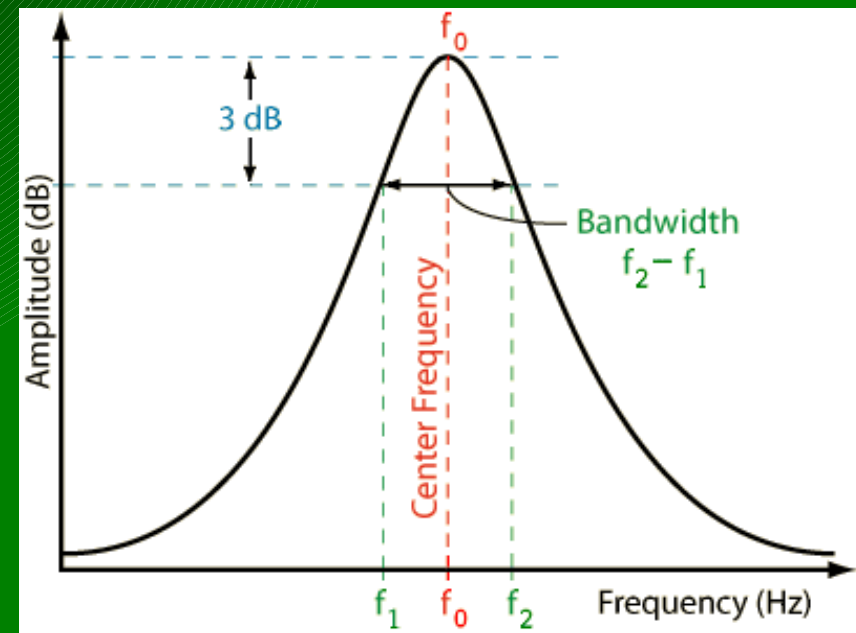
0x3050 — channel width / spacing

- simplifying frequency hopping / channelized systems
- $\text{real freq} = \text{base freq} + (\text{CHANNR} * \text{width})$
- MDMCFG0 / 1



## 0x3060 — bandwidth filter

- programmable receive filter
- provides for flexible channel sizing/spacing
- total signal bw = signal bandwidth + (2\*variance)
- total signal bw **wants** to be less than 80% bw filter!
- MDMCFG4





0x3070 — preamble / sync words

- identify when real messages are being received!
- starts out with a preamble (1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0...)
- then a sync word (programmable bytes)
  - marking the end of the preamble
  - aka 'SFD' – start of frame delimiter
- configurable to:
  - nothing (just dump received crap)
  - carrier detect (if the RSSI value indicates a message)
  - 15 or 16 bits of the SYNC WORD identified
  - 30 out of 32 bits of double-SYNC WORD
- SYNC1, SYNC0, MDMCFG2

0x3080 — variable / fixed-length packets

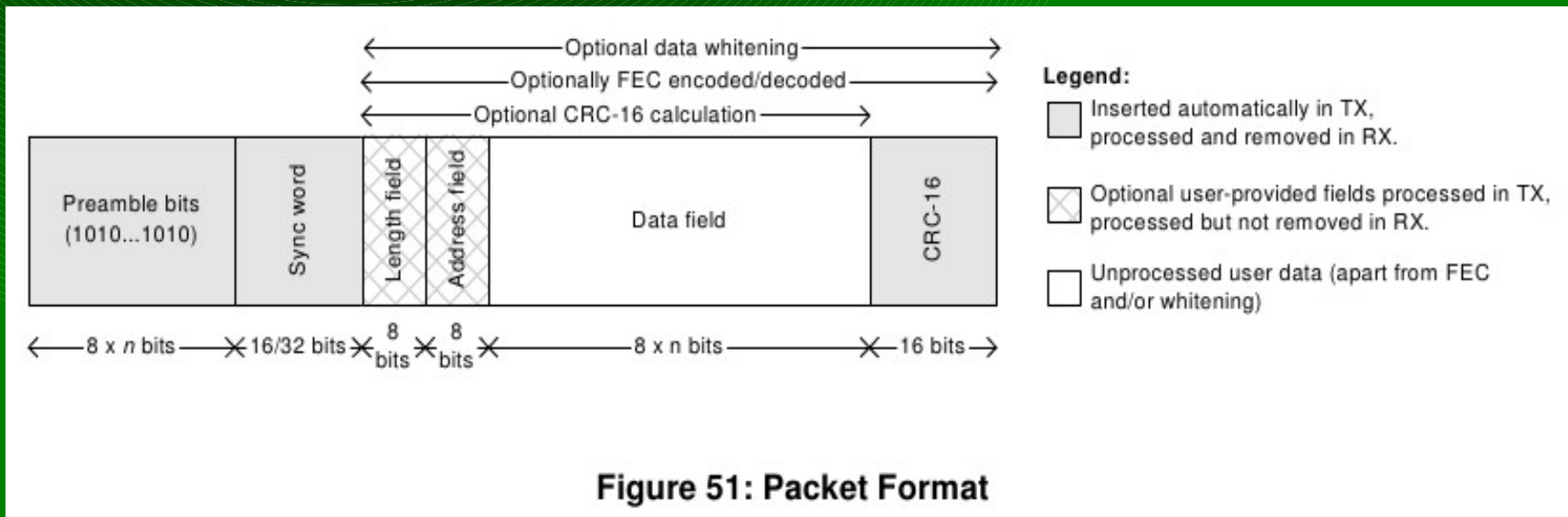
- packets can be fixed length or variable length
- variable length assumes first byte is the length byte
- both modes use the PKTLEN register:
  - Fixed: the length
  - Variable: MAX length
- PKTCTRL0, PKTLEN



0x3090 — CRC — duh, but not

- crc16 check on both TX and RX
- uses the internal CRC (part of the RNG) seeded by 0xffff
- DATA\_ERROR flag triggers when CRC is enabled and fails
- some systems do this in firmware instead

- PKTCTRL0



## 0x30a0 — data whitening — 9 bits of pain

- ideal radio data looks like random data
- real world data can contain long sequences of 0 or 1
- data to be transmitted is first XOR'd with a 9-bit sequence
  - sequence repeated as many times as necessary to match the data
- PKTCTRL0

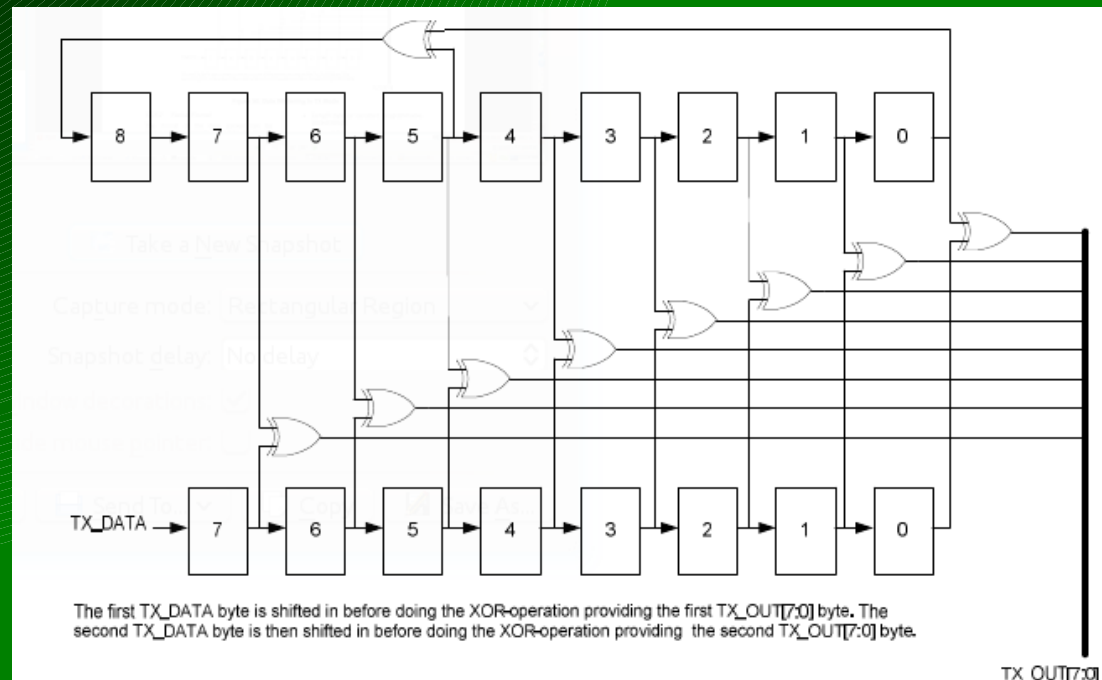
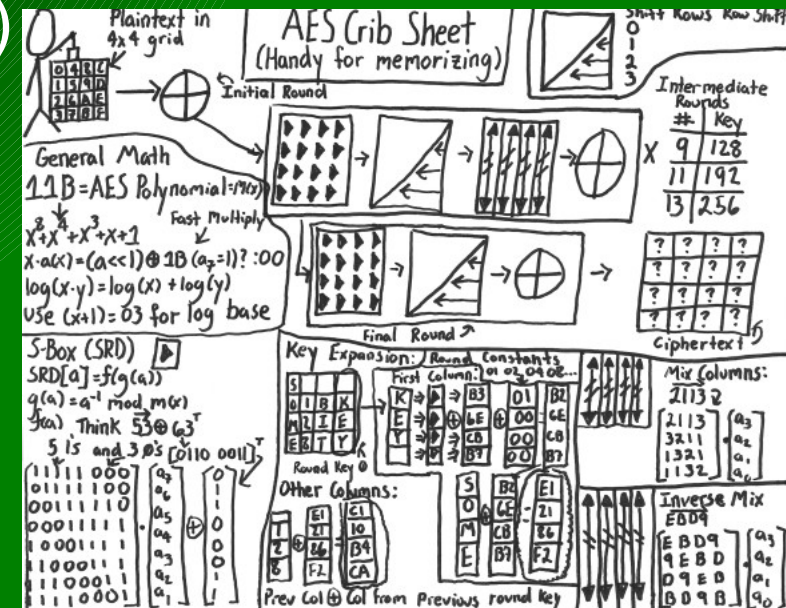
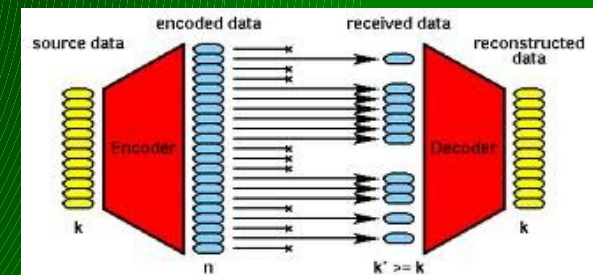
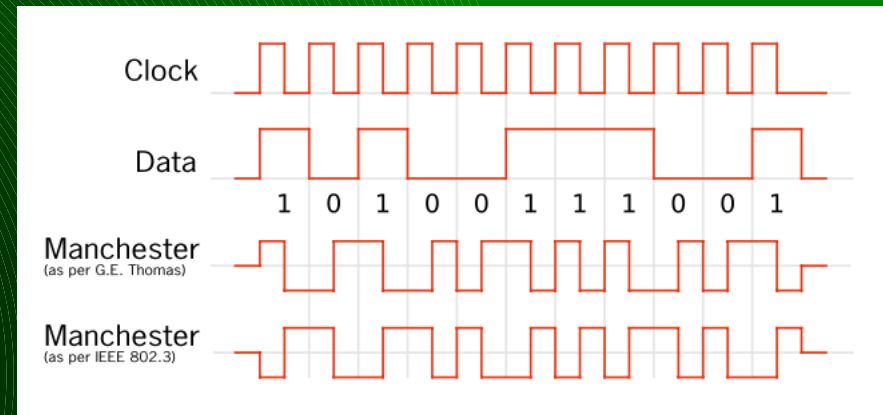


Figure 50: Data Whitening in TX Mode



## 0x30b0 — encoding

- manchester
  - MDMCFG2
- forward error correction
  - convolutional
    - MDMCFG1
  - reed-solomon (not supported)
- encryption - AES in chip



# 0x30c0 — example: MDMCFG2 register

0xDF0E: MDMCFG2 - Modem Configuration					
Bit	Field Name	Reset	R/W	Description	
7	DEM_DCFILT_OFF	0	R/W	Disable digital DC blocking filter before demodulator. The recommended IF frequency changes when the DC blocking is disabled. Please use SmartRF® Studio [9] to calculate correct register setting.	
				0	Better Sensitivity
				1	Current optimized. Only for data rates ≤ 100 kBaud
6:4	MOD_FORMAT[2:0]	000	R/W	The modulation format of the radio signal	
				000	2-FSK
				001	GFSK
				010	Reserved
				011	ASK/OOK
				100	Reserved
				101	Reserved
				110	Reserved
				111	MSK
				Note that MSK is only supported for data rates above 26 kBaud and GFSK, ASK , and OOK is only supported for data rate up until 250 kBaud. MSK cannot be used if Manchester encoding/decoding is enabled.	
3	MANCHESTER_EN	0	R/W	Manchester encoding/decoding enable	
				0	Disable
				1	Enable
				Note that Manchester encoding/decoding cannot be used at the same time as using the FEC/Interleaver option or when using MSK modulation.	
2:0	SYNC_MODE[2:0]	010	R/W	Sync-word qualifier mode.	
				The values 000 and 100 disables preamble and sync word transmission in TX and preamble and sync word detection in RX.	
				The values 001, 010, 101 and 110 enables 16-bit sync word transmission in TX and 16-bits sync word detection in RX. Only 15 of 16 bits need to match in RX when using setting 001 or 101. The values 011 and 111 enables repeated sync word transmission in TX and 32-bits sync word detection in RX (only 30 of 32 bits need to match).	
				000	No preamble/sync
				001	15/16 sync word bits detected
				010	16/16 sync word bits detected
				011	30/32 sync word bits detected
				100	No preamble/sync, carrier-sense above threshold
				101	15/16 + carrier-sense above threshold
				110	16/16 + carrier-sense above threshold
				111	30/32 + carrier-sense above threshold



sorry, couldn't resist



0x3100 — how can we figure it out!?

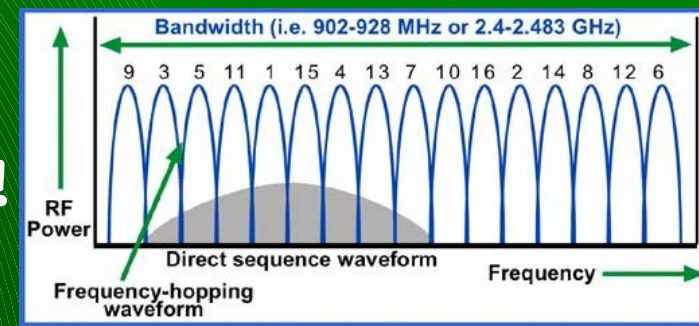
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# 0x3101 — how can we figure it out!? -part2

- reversing hw
  - tapping bus lines – logic analyzer
    - grab config data
    - grab tx/rx data
  - pulling and analyzing firmware
- hopping pattern analysis
  - arrays of dongles – space them out and record results
  - hedyattack, or something similar
  - spectrum analyzer
  - USRP2 or latest gadget from Michael Ossman
- trial and error – rf parameters
- MAC layer? - takes true reversing.. unless you find a patent :)

0x4000 — intro 2 FHSS — SPDY!



- FHSS is common for devices in the ISM bands
  - provides natural protection against unintentional jamming /interference
  - US Title 47 CFR 15.247 affords special power considerations to FHSS devices
    - >25khz between channels
    - pseudorandom pattern
    - each channel used equally (avg) by each transmitter
    - if 20db of hopping channel < 250khz:
      - must have at least 50 channels
      - average <0.4sec per 20 seconds on one channel
    - if 20dB of hopping channel >250khz:
      - must have at least 25 channels
      - average <0.4sec per 10 seconds on one channel



# 0x4010 — FHSS, the one and only — NOT!

- different technologies:
  - DSSS – Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum
    - hops happen more often than bytes (ugh)
    - typically requires special PHY layer
  - “FHSS”
    - hops occur after a few symbols are transmitted
- different topologies: (allow for different synch methods)
  - point-to-point (only two endpoints)
  - multiple access systems (couple different options)
    - each cell has their own hopping pattern
    - each node has own hopping pattern
- different customers:
  - military has used frequency hopping since Hedy and George submitted the patent in 1941.
  - commercial folks (WiFi, Bluetooth, proprietary stuff like power meters)

## 0x4020 — FHSS intricacies

- what's so hard about FHSS?
  - must know or be able to come up with the hopping pattern
    - can be anywhere from 50 to a million distinct channel hops before the pattern repeats (or more)
  - must be able to synchronize with an existing cell or partner
    - or become your own master!
  - must know channel spacing
  - must know channel dwell time (time to sit on each channel)
  - likely need to reverse engineer your target
  - DSSS requires that you have special hardware
- military application will be very hard to crack, as it typically will have hops based on a synchronized PRNG to select channels



## 0x4030 — FHSS, the saving graces

- any adhoc FHSS multi-node network: (power meters / sensor-nets)
  - node sync in a reasonable timeframe
    - limited channels in the repeated pattern
  - each node knows how to talk to a cell
    - let one figure it out, then tap the SPI bus to see what the pattern is...
- two keys to determining hopping pattern:
  - hop pattern generation algorithm
    - often based on the CELL ID
      - one pattern gets you the whole cell :)
    - others generate a unique pattern per node
  - some sync information the cell gives away for free
    - gotta tell the n00bs how to sync up, right?
    - for single-pass repeating sequences, it's just the channel

## 0x4040 — FHSS summary

- FHSS comes in different forms for different uses and different users
- FHSS is naturally tolerant to interference, and allows a device to transmit higher power than nonFHSS comms
- getting the FHSS pattern, timing, and appropriate sync method for proprietary comms can be a reversing challenge
- getting a NIC to do something with the knowledge gained above has — to date — been very difficult



## 0x5000 — intro to RfCat

- RfCat: RF Chipcon-based Attack Toolset
- RfCat is many things, but I like to think of it as an interactive python access to the <GHz spectrum!

## 0x5010 — rfcats background

- the power grid
  - power meters and the folks who love them (yo cutaway, q, travis and josh!)
  - no availability of good attack tools for RF
- vendor at Distributech 2008:
  - “Our Frequency Hopping Spread Spectrum is too fast for hackers to attack.”
    - OMFW! really?



## 0x5020 — rfcats goals

- RE tools - “how does this work?”
  - security analysis tools - “your FHSS and Crypto is weak!”
  - satiate my general love of RF
- 
- a little of Nevil Maskelyne
  - “I will not demonstrate to any man who throws doubt upon the system” - Guglielmo Marconi, 1903
    - lulwut?

## 0x5030 — rfcats interface

- rfcats
  - FHSS-capable NIC
    - some assembly may be required for FHSS to arbitrary devices
  - toolset for discovering/interfaces with RF devices
- rfcats\_server
  - access the <GHz band over an IP network or locally and configure on the fly
  - connect to tcp port 1900 for raw data channel
  - connect also to tcp port 1899 for configuration



## 0x5040 — rfcats

- customizable NIC-access to the ISM bands
- ipython for best enjoyment
- lame spoiler: you get a global object called “d” to talk to the dongle
  - d.RFxmit('blah')
  - data = d.RFrecv()
  - d.discover(lowball=1)
  - d.RFlisten()
  - help(d)

```
atlas@blah:~$ rfcats -r
'RfCat, the greatest thing since Frequency Hopping!'

Don't you wish this were a CLI!? Sorry. Maybe soon...
For now, enjoy the raw power of rflib, or write your own device-specific CLI!

currently your environment has an object called "d" for dongle. this is how
you interact with the rfcats dongle, for :
>>> d.ping()
>>> d.setFreq(433000000)
>>> d.setMdmModulation(MOD_ASK_00K)
>>> d.makePktFLEN(250)
>>> d.RFxmit("HALLO")
>>> d.RFrecv()
>>> print d.reprRadioConfig()

In [1]: d.ping()
PING: 26 bytes transmitted, received: 'ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ' (0.027489 seconds)
PING: 26 bytes transmitted, received: 'ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ' (0.011954 seconds)
PING: 26 bytes transmitted, received: 'ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ' (0.012381 seconds)
PING: 26 bytes transmitted, received: 'ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ' (0.012189 seconds)
PING: 26 bytes transmitted, received: 'ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ' (0.012411 seconds)
PING: 26 bytes transmitted, received: 'ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ' (0.012139 seconds)
PING: 26 bytes transmitted, received: 'ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ' (0.012379 seconds)
PING: 26 bytes transmitted, received: 'ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ' (0.012392 seconds)
PING: 26 bytes transmitted, received: 'ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ' (0.011946 seconds)
PING: 26 bytes transmitted, received: 'ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ' (0.011591 seconds)
Out[1]: (10, 0, 0.13894200325012207)
```

## 0x5050 — rfcats\_server

- bringing <GHz over the IP network!
- connect on TCP port 1900 to access the wireless network
- connect on TCP port 1899 to access the wireless configuration
- created to allow non-python clients to play too
  - stdin is not always the way you want to interact with embedded wireless protocols

```
atlas@blah:~$ nc -v localhost 1900
Connection to localhost 1900 port [tcp/*] succeeded!
^
```

```
atlas@blah:~$ nc -v localhost 1899
Connection to localhost 1899 port [tcp/*] succeeded!

welcome to the cc1111usb interactive config tool.  hack fun!

(Cmd) help

Documented commands (type help <topic>):
=====
CARRIER_SENSE_ABS_THR  REG_DEVIATH      drate             ping
CARRIER_SENSE_REL_THR  REG_PKTCTRL      dump_config       poke
DEM_DCFILT              REG_PKTLEN       fec               pqt
FS_AUTOCAL              REG_PKTSTATUS    flen              printable
MAC_LNA_GAIN            RESET            freq              rawinput
MAGN_TARGET              addr             freqoff           rfmode
MAX_DVGA_GAIN            addr_chk         hack_loose_settings rfrequency
PA_POWER                 baud             intfreq           rssi
REGS_AGCCTRL             bw               load_config       save_config
REGS_BSCFG_FOCCFG        calibrate        lqi               show_config
REGS_FREND               cca_mode         manchester        start
REGS_FREQ                channel          modeFSTXON        stop
REGS_FSCTRL              chanspc          modeIDLE           syncmode
REGS_MCSM                crc              modeRX            syncword
REGS_MDWCFG              datawhiten       modeTX             upload_conf
REGS_PATABLE             debug_codes      modulation         vlen
REGS_TEST                download_config  peek

Undocumented commands:
=====
EOF  help

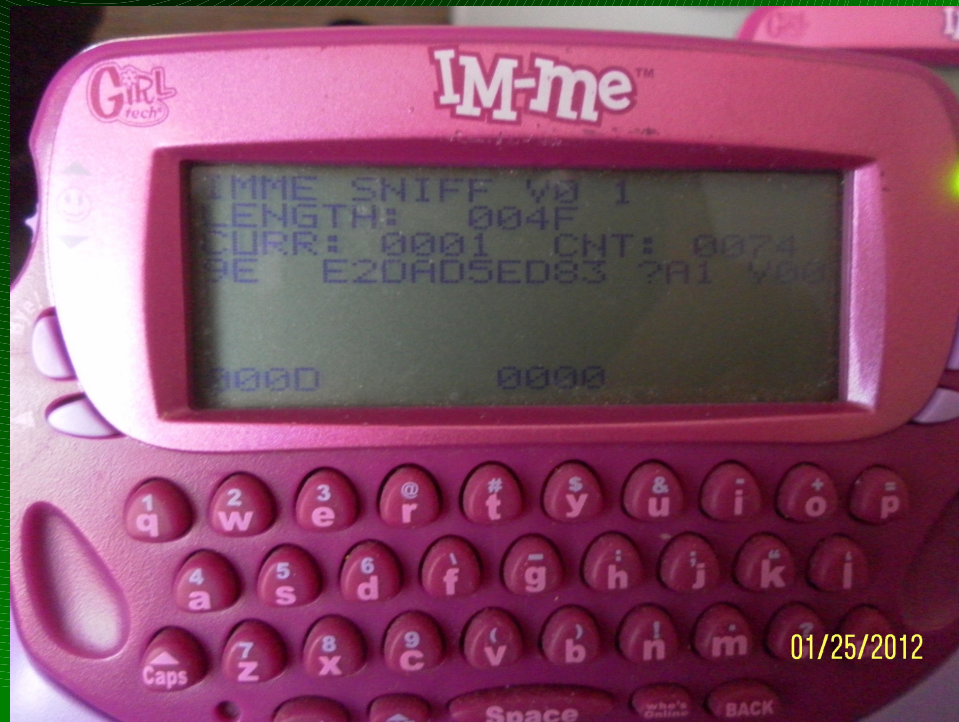
(Cmd) ^
```

```
atlas@blah:~$ rfcats_server
Listening for NIC connection on port 1900
== received DATA connection from 127.0.0.1:55
=
== received CONFIG connection from 127.0.0.1:
==
^
```



## 0x5060 — rfsniff (pink version too!)

- focused primarily on capturing data from the wireless network
- IMME used to provide a nice simple interface
- RF config adjustment using keyboard!



## 0x5065 — rfsniff — key bindings

q, a - inc/dec highest sync word nibble  
w, s - inc/dec high-middle sync word nibble  
e, d - inc/dec low-middle sync word nibble  
r, f - inc/dec lowest sync word nibble  
z - NO sync word matching

menu - inc Modulation type  
bye! - dec Modulation type

up - inc recv bandwidth  
down - dec recv bandwidth

right - inc baudrate  
left - dec baudrate

p, Enter - inc/dec frequency  
o, ', ' - faster inc/dec frequency  
i, m - even faster inc/dec frequency  
l - set freq to 915mhz  
k - set freq to 868mhz  
j - set freq to 433mhz  
h - set freq to 315mhz  
t, v - inc/dec channels  
g - set channel = 0

SPACE - switch screens

SPKR - toggle CARRIER TX mode (good for showing up on a SpecAn, or, umm, jamming?)



## 0x5070 — rfcats wicked coolness — WORK-PIX

- `d._debug = 1` — dump debug messages as things happen
- `d.debug()` - print state infoz once a second
- `d.discover()` - listen for specific SYNCWORDS
- `d.lowball()` - disable most “filters” to see more packets
- `d.lowballRestore()` - restore the config before calling `lowball()`
- `d.RFlisten()` - simply dump data to screen
- `d.RFcapture()` - dump data to screen, return list of packets
- `d.scan()` - scan a configurable frequency range for “stuff”
- `print d.reprRadioConfig()` - print pretty config infoz
- `d.setMdm*()`      `d.setPkt*()`      `d.make*()`

## 0x5100 — example lab setup

- example RF attack lab setup:
  - dongle “Gina” running hedyattack spec-an code
  - dongle “Paul” running rfcats
  - IMME running rfsniff
  - (possibly an IMME's running SpecAn)
  - saleae logic analyzer for hacking of the wired variety
  - FunCube Dongle and quisk/qthid or other SDR

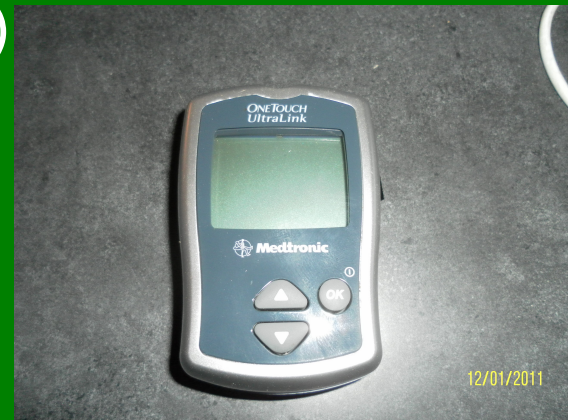


# rf attack form

- base freq:
- modulation:
- baud/bandwidth:
- deviation:
- channel hopping?
  - how many channels: channel spacing:
  - pattern and effective sync method? dwell period (ms):
- fixed-/variable-length packets: len/maxlen:
- “address”:
- sync word (if applicable):
- crc16 (y/n): does chip do correct style?
- fec (y/n): type (convolutional/reed-soloman/other):
- manchester encoding (y/n):
- data whitening? and 9bit pattern:
- more complete information:  
<http://atlas.r4780y.com/resources/rf-recon-form.pdf>

## 0x6000 — playing with medical devices

- CAUTION: MUCKING WITH THESE CAN KILL PEOPLE.
  - THIS FIRMWARE AND CLIENT NOT PROVIDED
- found frequency in the pdf manual from the Internet
  - what random diabetic cares what frequency his pump communicates with!? ok, who cares!
- modulation guessed based on spectrum analysis and trial/error
  - the wave form just **looks** like <blah> modulation!
- other characteristics discovered using a USRP and baudline (and some custom tools, thanks Mike Ossman!)

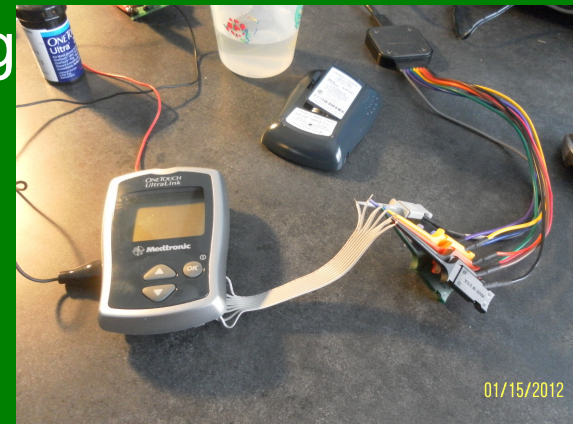




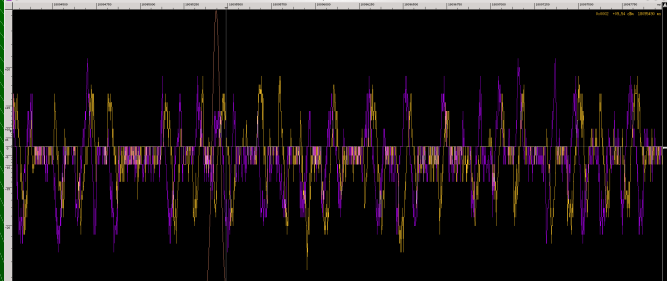
## 0x6010 — the discovery process



- glucometer was first captured using Spectrum Analyzer (IMME/hedyattack) to validate frequency range from the lay-documentation
- next a logic analyzer (saleae) used to tap debugging lines
- next, the transmission was captured using a USRP (thank you Mike Ossman for sending me your spare!) - alt: **FunCube**
- next, the “packet capture” was loaded into Baudline, and analysis performed to identify baudrate and modulation scheme, and get an idea of bits
- next, Mike Ossman did amazing-sauce, running the capture through GnuRadio Companion (the big picture on next slide)
- RF parameters confirmed through RF analysis, and real-life capture.



# 0x6011 – discovery reloaded

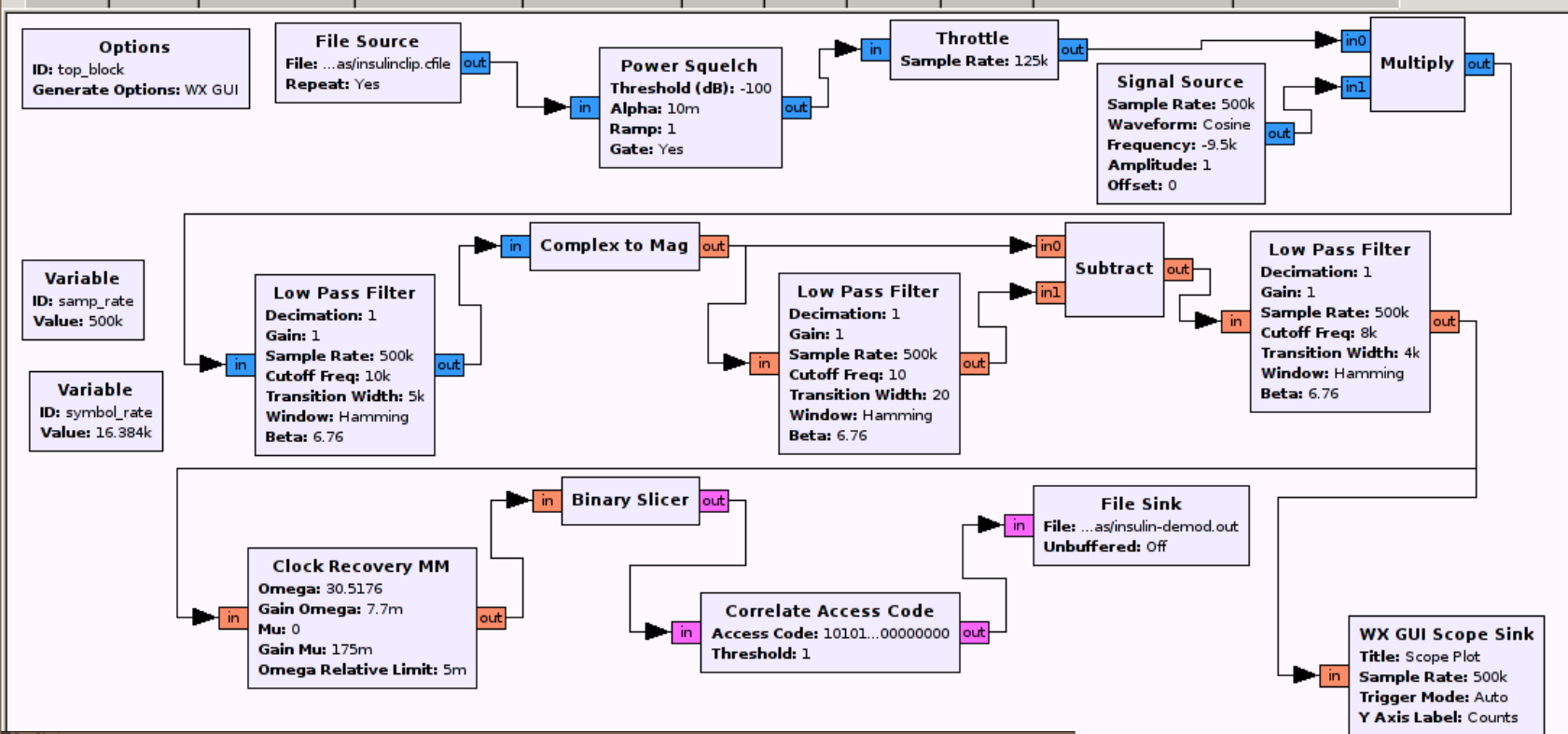


insulin-demod.grc - /home/mossmann/shmoo/2012/atlas - GNU Radio Companion

File Edit View Build Help



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    - Clock Recovery MM
    - CMA Equalizer
    - Constellation Decoder
    - Correlate Access Code
    - Costas Loop
    - FLL Band-Edge
    - Kurtotic Equalizer
- + Add





# 0x6020 –the immaculate reception

- punched in the RF parameters into a RFCAT dongle
  - created subclass of RFNIC (in python) for new RF config
- dropped into “discover” mode to ensure I had the modem right

```
(1327713078.539) Received: d555555555555555555555555555f807f80552d5a399686b38ad8e2c  
possible Sync Dwords: ['0xaaaffl', '0xaaabfl', '0xaaafL', '0xaaabl', '0xaaaaL', '0x2aaal']  
(1327713078.553) Received: c0002aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaabfc03fc02a96ad1ccb4359c5  
possible Sync Dwords: ['0xaaaffl', '0xaaabfl', '0xaaafL', '0xaaabl', '0xaaaaL', '0x2aaal', '0xaaaL']  
(1327713078.569) Received: 1c59580002aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaabfc03fc02a96ad1ccb4  
possible Sync Dwords: ['0xaaaffl', '0xaaabfl', '0xaaafL', '0xaaabl', '0xaaaaL', '0x2aaal']  
(1327713078.583) Received: b38ad8e2cac00015555555555555555555555555555fe01fe0154b56  
possible Sync Dwords: ['0xaaaffl', '0xaaabfl', '0xaaafL', '0xaaabl', '0xaaaaL', '0x2aaal', '0xaaaL']  
(1327713078.602) Received: e65alace2b638b2b00005555555555555555555555555555f807f80  
possible Sync Dwords: ['0xaaaffl', '0xaaabfl', '0xaaafL', '0xaaabl', '0xaaaaL', '0x2aaal', '0xaaaL', '0x2aal']  
(1327713078.614) Received: d2d5a399686b38ad8e2cac00015aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaff  
(1327713078.629) Received: fc02a96ad1ccb4359c56c716560000aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa  
(1327713078.643) Received: eff00ff00aa5ab4732d0d6715blc59580002aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa  
(1327713078.658) Received: aaaaaaff00a00aa5ab4732d0d6715blc59580002aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa  
possible Sync Dwords: ['0xaaaffl', '0xaaabfl', '0xaaafL', '0xaaabl', '0xaaaaL', '0x2aaal', '0xaaaL', '0x2aal']  
(1327713078.674) Received: aaaaaaaaaaff00ff00aa5ab4732d0d6715blc59580002aaaaaaaaaaaaaa  
possible Sync Dwords: ['0xaaaffl', '0xaaabfl', '0xaaafL', '0xaaabl', '0xaaaaL', '0x2aaal']  
(1327713078.689) Received: aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaff00ff00aa5ab4732d0d6715blc59580002aaaaaaaa  
possible Sync Dwords: ['0xaaaffl', '0xaaabfl', '0xaaafL', '0xaaabl', '0xaaaaL', '0x2aaal', '0xaaaL', '0x2aal']  
(1327713078.704) Received: aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaff00ff00aa5ab4732d0d6715blc59580002aaaa  
possible Sync Dwords: ['0xaaaffl', '0xaaabfl', '0xaaafL', '0xaaabl', '0xaaaaL', '0x2aaal']  
(1327713078.719) Received: aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaff00ff00aa5ab4732d0d6715blc5958000  
possible Sync Dwords: ['0xaaaffl', '0xaaabfl', '0xaaafL', '0xaaabl', '0xaaaaL', '0x2aaal', '0xaaaL', '0x2aal']
```

- returned to normal NIC mode to receive real packets
- now need the pump to reverse the bi-dir protocol

[illegible]

# 0x6100 — playing with a power meter



- **CAUTION:** MUCKING WITH POWER SYSTEMS WITHOUT APPROPRIATE AUTHORIZATION IS ILLEGAL, EVEN IF IT IS ON THE SIDE OF YOUR HOUSE!
- most power meters use their own proprietary “Neighborhood Area Network” (NAN), typically in the 900MHz range and sometimes 2.4GHz or licensed spectrum.
- to get the best reception over distance and gain tolerance to interference, all implement FHSS to take advantage of the Title 47: Part 15 power allowances
- many of the existing meters use the same cc1111 or cc1110 chips, or the cc1101 radio core
- this is the reason I'm here today





0x6110 — as sands through the hourglass

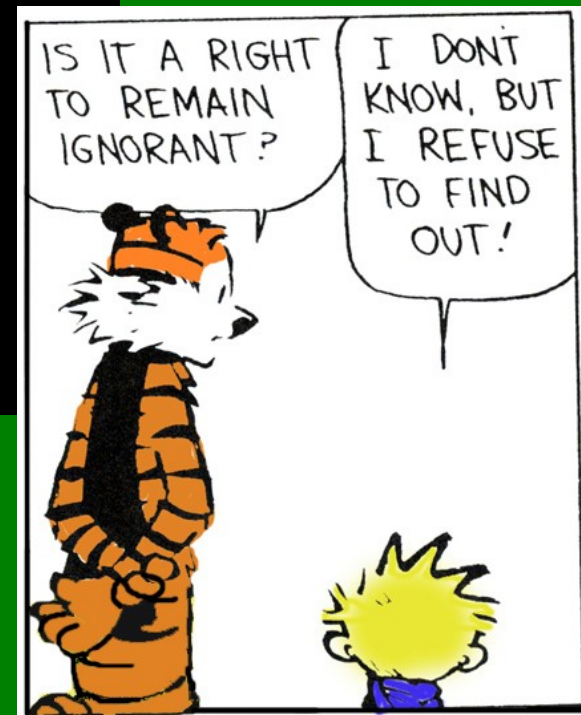
- power meter RF comms have long been “unavailable” for most security researchers
- **some vendors understand the benefits of security rigor by outside researchers**
  - others, however, do not.
- the gear used in my presentation was given to me by one who understands
  - for various reasons, they have asked to remain anonymous, however, their security team has a well founded approach to finding out “how their baby is ugly” I would like to give them credit for their commitment to the improved security of their products.

atlas, tell us what you really think



# IGNORANCE

When did it become a point of view?



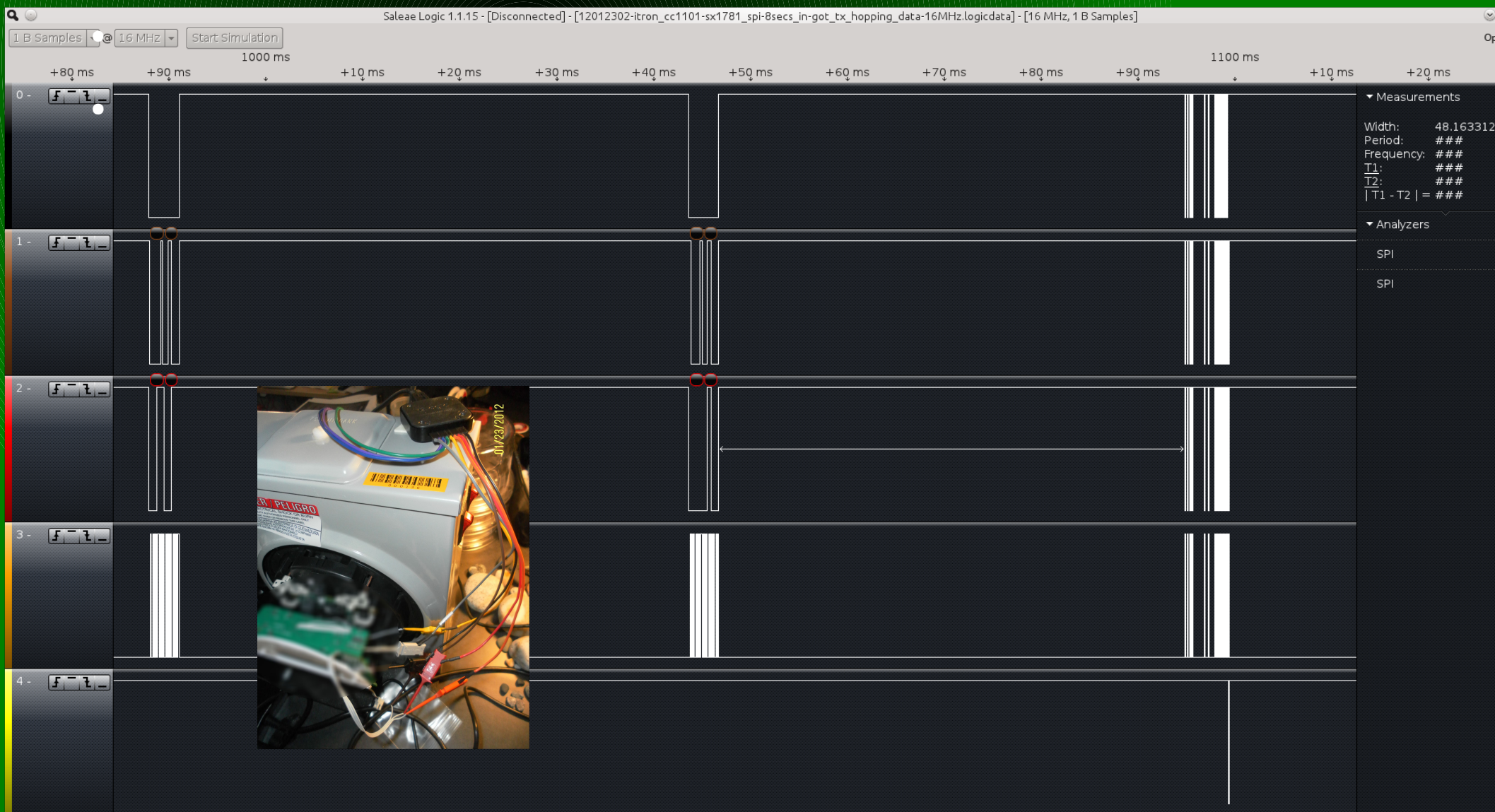


## 0x6120 — smart meter — the complication

- power meters are not so simple as glucometers
  - proprietary FHSS in a multiple-access topology
  - have to endure the RF abuse of the large metropolis
- complex mac sync/net-registration
- not easy to show with a single meter without a Master node.
- initial analysis was performed via my saleae LA:
- SpecAn code on IMME's and hedyattack dongles
  - good for identifying periods of scanning
- although the dongle can hop along with the meter, we won't be demoing synching with the meter today

# 0x6130 — the approach

- determine the rf config and hopping pattern through SPI Bus sniffing (and my saleae again)





# 0x6135 — Logic Analy

- decoding:
  - custom parser for the target radio--->>>

```
11.840  SET RF channel:  0 - 902250000
11.851  STROBE:          SPRES
12.101  WRITE          I0CFG2          (BURST) 01
12.101  READ           I0CFG2          (BURST) 01
12.101  WRITE          FSTEST          (BURST) 59
12.101  READ           FSTEST          (BURST) 59
12.101  WRITE          PATABLE        (BURST) 00
12.101  READ           PATABLE        (BURST) 00
12.103  STROBE:          SIDLE
12.104  STROBE:          SCAL
12.104  STROBE:          SFRX
12.105  STROBE:          SRX
12.107  STROBE:          SIDLE
12.108  STROBE:          SCAL
12.108  STROBE:          SFRX
12.108  STROBE:          SRX
12.123  STROBE:          SPRES
12.373  WRITE          I0CFG2          (BURST) 01
12.374  READ           I0CFG2          (BURST) 01
12.374  WRITE          FSTEST          (BURST) 59
12.374  READ           FSTEST          (BURST) 59
12.374  WRITE          PATABLE        (BURST) 00
12.374  READ           PATABLE        (BURST) 00
12.375  STROBE:          SIDLE
12.376  STROBE:          SCAL
12.377  STROBE:          SFRX
12.377  STROBE:          SRX
12.394  STROBE:          SIDLE
12.395  STROBE:          SCAL
12.395  STROBE:          SFRX
12.396  STROBE:          SRX
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12.405  STROBE:          SRX
12.409  STROBE:          SIDLE
12.409  STROBE:          SCAL
```





## 0x6145 — new developments

- vendors have filed numerous patents with hopping pattern calculations, comms parameters, etc...
  - WIN!
  - plenty of work to be done! jump right in!
    - <http://www.patentstorm.us/patents/7064679/fulltext.html>
    - <http://www.patentstorm.us/patents/7962101/fulltext.html>
    - <http://www.patentstorm.us/applications/20080204272/fulltext.html>
    - <http://www.patentstorm.us/applications/20080238716/fulltext.html>

**“Abuse is no argument”**  
**- Nevil Maskelyne**



## 0x6150 – conclusions

- rfcats discover mode routers
- rfcats is a **foundation** for your attack tool
  - way more than just a tool in itself
- **we** are responsible for ensuring our devices use appropriate security. **do not** simply expect someone else to do it. the first med-device death could be your best friend.

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- <http://www.ti.com/lit/ds/swrs033g/swrs033g.pdf> - “the” manual
- [http://edge.rit.edu/content/P11207/public/CC1111\\_USB\\_HW\\_User\\_s\\_Guide.pdf](http://edge.rit.edu/content/P11207/public/CC1111_USB_HW_User_s_Guide.pdf)
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## 0xgreetz

- power hardware folk who play nice with security researchers
- cutaway and q (awesome hedyattackers)
- gerard van den bosch
- travis and mossman
- sk0d0 and the four J's
- invisigoth and kenshoto
- Jewel, bug, ringwraith, diva
- Jesus Christ